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KC MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today to 20 years in federal prison without parole for conspiring to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Pondrell Robinson, Jr., 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to 20 years in federal prison without parole for his role in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

On June 3, 2005, **Robinson** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Dec. 20 and 27, 2004. **Robinson** also admitted to specifically distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on Dec. 22, 23 and 27, 2004.

Robinson is the second co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On April 15, 2005, **Jennifer L. Sanders**, 34, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to her role in the crack cocaine conspiracy. By pleading guilty, **Sanders** admitted that she too conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Dec. 20 and 27, 2004.

The co-defendants in this case were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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